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FOR: DEPT FOR ARA

SUBJECT: SENATOR HRUSKA'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA

1. USIS AND EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE AND ARRANGE FULLEST POSSIBLE BRIEFINGS FOR SENATOR HRUSKA. SENATOR SHOULD BE AWARE THAT VISIT COINCIDES WITH TRADITIONAL VENEZUELAN YEAR-END HOLIDAYS AND THAT MANY POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN AND COMMUNICATIONS LEADERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER JANUARY SIXTH. AMBASSADOR REGRETS HE WILL BE ABSENT ON OFFICIAL CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON DURING MOST OF THE HRUSKA VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING IS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SENATOR AND MRS. HRUSKA:

JAN 2.- ARRIVE 1045 P.M. PAA 441. WILL BE MET AND ESCORTED TO HOTEL TAMANACO.

JAN 3.- EMBASSY/USIS BRIEFINGS, LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MCCLINTOCK FOR SENATOR AND MRS. HRUSKA; MEETING WITH OIL EXECUTIVES; INFORMAL BUFFET AT PAO'S WITH USIS STAFF.

JAN 4.- DEPART TAMANACO AT SENATOR'S CONVENIENCE FOR HOTEL MACUTO SHERATON FOR WEEKEND.

JAN 6.- RETURN TO TAMANCO IN CARACAS. NARCOTICS BRIEFING WILL BE ARRANGED. NOTE: EPIPHANY IS IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY AND MOST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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JAN 7.- FLY TO MARACAIBO TO TOUR U.S. OIL INSTALLATIONS

ON LAKE MARACAIBO; RETURN TO CARACAS EITHER SAME EVENING OR
EARLY FOLLOWING MORNING.

JAN 8.- COURTESY CALLS ON VENEZUELAN COUNTERPARTS AND
OTHERS AS DESIRED. VISIT CARACAS BNC. EVENING
RECEPTION OR DINNER.

JAN 9.- DEPART 9 A.M. VIA PAA 442.

3. WE MOST LIKELY CAN ARRANGE SENATOR'S APPEARANCE ON
TV SHOW "DESAYUNE CON NOSOTROS" WHICH IS EQUIVALENT
OF "TODAY"SHOW IF DESIRED. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. ALSO ADVISE SENATOR'S DESIRES RE PRESS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

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